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SUBJECT: SNYDER AMENDMENT

REFS: JORDEN/BELL AND BLACKEN/MORRIS TELCONS

1. IN LINE WITH OUR POLICY OF "NO SURPRISES" I CONVEYED TO CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT FACT OF HOUSE VOTE ON AMENDMENT TODAY TO STATE APPROPRIATION BILL. I SAID THIS WAS SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT TO ALL WHO FAVOR A NEW AND FAIR RELATIONSHIP, OF COURSE. THEN I NOTED THAT (1) HOUSE ACTION IS NOT DEFINITIVE IN THIS KIND OF ACTION; (2) I FELT CERTAIN AMENDMENT WOULD BE OPPOSED STRONGLY ON BOTH CONSTITUTIONAL AND SUBSTANTIVE GROUNDS BY DEPARTMENT; (3) SENATE WAS MUCH LESS LIKELY TO GO ALONG WITH THIS KIND OF FETTERING OF PRESIDENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS THAN WAS MORE YOUTHFUL AND FEISTY HOUSE.

2. TORRIJOS EXPRESSED THANKS FOR CONSIDERATION IN INFORMING HIM SO QUICKLY. HE REGRETTED HOUSE ACTION VERY MUCH. HE ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT POLITICIANS SOMETIMES DID THINGS HASTILY IC QUOTE SEARCH FOR VOTES UNQUOTE. NONETHELESS HE REPEATED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT IN NEGOTIATIONS HE WAS DEALING WITH SERIOUS AND HONEST AMERICANS. HE SAID THAT HOUSE ACTION WAS QUOTE JUST THE KIND OF THING THAT OPPONENTS OF ANY TREATY WERE

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LOOKING FOR UNQUOTE. HE SAID HOUSE VOTE WOULD QUOTE

MAKE THESE PEOPLE HAPPY UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF ALMOST CERTAIN STRONG AND UNFAVORABLE REACTION HERE TO NEWS OF HOUSE VOTE, WE NEED URGENTLY SOME EXPRESSION OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH VIEW ON THIS MATTER INCLUDING, HOPEFULLY, SOME RE-ASSURANCE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE. PUBLIC STATEMENT, IN THIS CASE, WILL BE MORE REASSURING AND USEFUL THAN PRIVATE MESSAGES--THOUGH LATTER WOULD BE WELCOME. BUT OUR PROBLEM WILL BE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN, NOT IN PERSONAL RELATIONS, AS YOU WILL UNDERSTAND.
JORDEN

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